

REMARKS

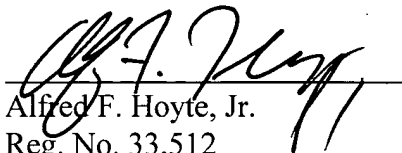
A substitute specification has been filed concurrently herewith, eliminating the use of the VELCRO® trademark, and replaced with the term --hook and loop fastener--.

Claims 1- 3, and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Golde (US 5,884,338). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error, and claim 7 has been canceled.

The examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 includes the limitations recited in claim 4, and claim 4 has been canceled. Claim 3 is dependent upon claim 1, as are claims 5 and 6. Since claim 1 includes the limitations of claim 4, and all the remaining claims are dependent on claim 1, it is believed that all remaining claims are now allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is not considered pertinent to the invention as now claimed.

In accordance with the above, the application, with claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.


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